



**FARMER WANTS FAIR PLAY AND A SQUARE DEAL**

(Written Specially For The Bulletin.)  
I don't know how it affects you, but when the professional politician begins to talk about what he is going to do to "help farmers," I begin to get uncomfortable. If he keeps it up for more than about one minute, I begin to get mad. It isn't long before I'm "seeing red," as they say out west.

I don't, myself, harbor after "outside aid," from the overseers of the poor, whether of town, state, or nation. Yet it is exactly that sort of thing which these purveyors of bunk mean, however they may gloss it over to avoid hurting our feelings.

They think of some "bounty," or some "exception," or some "subsidy," or some other form of elementary assistance which is to be given to the farmer, as distinguished from his fellow-citizens. They are always going to make him an exception. Their ideas are usual-

ly exceeding busy and their plans invariably vague to the degree of unintelligibility. But they make up for this by the many ways in which they tell the farmer's tale, and the positively benevolent language with which they set forth their charitable intentions.

Now the real farmer doesn't ask charity nor does he want to be made an exception. He is an exception already. That's largely what he's kicking about. He doesn't like being an exception. He wants to be given the same rights as other people—the greater and the better, because he is, at present, given an exceptionally smaller share of his rights than the share awarded to others that he grows and produces.

He isn't controlling to have a larger piece of pie than the other boys, but he is sorely disappointed when his piece is the smallest of all, and this not once in a while, but every time and all the time.

Nor does he want "poor relief." He is able to support himself and pay his bills. He's only given the same chance to collect his full earnings that others have. He can stand alone, without having to lean on anybody's shoulder. If they simply stop slugging him on the head every time he tries to hold it up with his compass.

It isn't charity he wants, but fair play and a square deal.

A widely circulated farm journal has recently published from a very highly placed official what that official calls "my plan to help farmers." I've read it carefully. It is as smooth as castor oil—and almost as agreeable. Also, it is as full as the alphabet. It rehearses some of the more palatable symptoms of the disease, and boldly asserts that something has got to be done. When it comes to prescribing actual remedies, however, it suggests educating the consumers, for one thing, and organized co-operation, for another. That's all I can get out of it. Both these plans have been tried and are being tried, spasmodically and sporadically. They may, perhaps, get somewhere in the course of a generation or two. They have not scratched the surface very deep, yet.

They are, at present, about as effective as applying a leech with a dilute solution of rosewater would be. Mean-

while, the disease is daily growing more acute and threatening to become chronic. The trouble with all these "politic-animal" schemes is that they don't recognize the real ailment they assume to suggest remedies for. They pretend to treat cancer of the stomach with medicine intended for winter-itch. Yet these two diseases are, physically, almost quite unlike. Those who have had either corroborate that opinion. Wherefrom reasoning crassly would deduce that they call for differing treatments.

The amateur practitioners in the political free dispensary don't, any of them, sense the real cause of the malady they pretend to offer medicines for. They don't know what the sickness is or what it is due to. And yet, it has been diagnosed correctly by a few specialists. This was done, thirty years ago, by Dean Robert of the New York Agricultural college, in the case of wheat-growers. It has occasionally been done for others in regard to other crops. But these painstaking diagnosticians have always been private citizens, neither holding nor willing to bid for public office. They have not been of the sort apt to congress or the legislature. They have not been adepts in quackery or demagoguery, and, perhaps for that reason, the seeds they have sown have thus far, failed to take general root and produce a re-splendent harvest.

What is the trouble with farmers and farmers' simply that they do not get wages for their work nor pay for their products.

Fair wages are meant, of course, and fair play.

That is a true statement of the case and a correct diagnosis of the disease.

When legislators and officials in power can be brought to see so much sense, will, for the first time in history, be able to consider remedying with intelligence. It will be the biggest step ever taken towards a hopeful treatment of the sickness when its real nature and cause are admitted by the medicine-dispensers. Anywhere, where they know it's small-pox, they'll have no excuse to continue doing for measles!

It may be that the disease, like some others known to medical science, is incurable. In that hopeless case it will be best to know the truth, desperate though it be. But we are not forbidden to hope that things are not quite so bad as all that.

There was a time when small-pox was always fatal. In even later days a patient with consumption was invariably given up as doomed. Yet today, with better knowledge and wiser sanitation, cures, even of "the white plague," are not infrequent.

I find it more comfortable as well as more truly scientific to cling to the belief that somewhere and sometime, a real remedy will be found for the cankering murrain which infects the farming situation.

It may be there is a specific for it which will be as effective as quinine for malaria. Or it may be that the cure will consist in a long course of general treatment. But I cannot and have been given up hope that the cure will eventually be found and applied.

One idea which has been incubating for a long time at the back of the head is that, instead of publicity of all charges along the road a product travels between producer and consumer would be helpful. There are enormous difficulties in such a procedure; difficulties due to the interfering complications which would ensue, as well as to the natural opposition of profiteers. But, if the main idea is right, its execution, however difficult, is not impossible.

For an illustration of what I mean: Last week a neighbor took a load of "fine potatoes" to the city. The best price offered him by any dealer was \$5 a bushel. The very next day, a big grocery in the city advertised, as an "extra special bargain," to cash buyers, "fine, white potatoes" at \$1.50 a bushel. Now the dealer wouldn't have done that, had he been compelled to handle the potatoes in which he put up the spuds!

"Paid John Farmer \$5 cents a bushel," Mr. Price \$1.50 a bushel. Or, words to that effect. If he had his customers would have left him bewildered and cross-eyed the first hour his store opened! They wouldn't have "stood for it." Nor should they be asked to. Nor should he be permitted to attempt it. Of course he would fight, tooth and nail, against such open truth-telling, as "wringing" interference with his business. But he is one, and his customers are many. Their business is quite as important to them as his is to him. And there are more of them. Their welfare should of right receive the greater consideration. To say nothing about John Farmer's interest in the transaction.

This case of the potatoes is a case, veritably singly one, where there are others where the route traveled by a commodity is much longer and crookeder, and where the application of the principle of "cash, rubbishy" would be vastly more complicated. I do not say that it would be universally practicable.

But the laws in many states already require that all farmers shall be truthfully branded with the exact nitrogen-phosphoric-potash content. And that food packages shall truthfully state their weight and weight. And that certain seeds shall truthfully state the proportion of impurities they contain. And that no meats shall be sold if official inspectors have certified to their wholesomeness.

If some things can be done, why not others? It is not only the ultimate consumer who has a right to legal protection, the official inspector has at least equal right to protection for his interests.

But I do not set myself up as either an expert economist or an official legislator. The idea above suggested may be impracticable. It may be as impossible of enforcement as, say, the Volstead act.

But, if my scheme won't work, there are thousands of bright minds in the country, on farms as well as off them, some of whom, once the real character of the disease is understood and admitted, may be able to suggest a plan which will work.

The one absolutely essential factor in the problem is the necessity of knowing what we have to cure before we undertake to write the prescription.

—THE FARMER.

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1st Sullivan, New London; Dr. James Stretch, Simsbury; Dr. T. F. Rockwell, Rockville; Dr. J. B. Conine, Springfield; Dr. W. G. Shepherd, Hazardville.

The treasurer paid bills during the year amounting to \$24,125.65.

The annual meeting of the Hospital Aid Society was held Tuesday afternoon and the following officers were elected: President, Miss Theo. Ross; vice president, Mrs. E. C. Plimney and Mrs. C. B. Newton; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Pownall; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lewis McLaughlin; house committee, Mrs. Michael Roberts, Mrs. C. E. Bond, Mrs. George B. Clapland, Mrs. W. H. Reed.

The E. D. Tufts Company has sold the local alley to J. C. Skowron of Rockville.

**COLUMBIA**

Mr. and Mrs. Allison L. Frink moved Monday last from the house on Chestnut Hill formerly owned and occupied by Henry C. Johnson to the northern portion of the old hotel on Columbia Green.

Hubert P. Collins has been ill with grip during the past week, being confined to his bed for several days.

Mrs. T. Newton Owen, who was in Bristol, R. I., last week, attending her father, Mr. Brownell, during his illness and death, returned home Tuesday last.

Clinton Lewis has had a portion of the building in which his store is located arranged as an icehouse, which will be filled when the ice can be harvested.

Notices have been sent to many of the taxpayers in town advising them that the assessment on their property list of 1920 has been increased. It is understood that the total of the grand list is increased over \$290,000.

The ice pond formerly belonging to W. Porter, now owned by James A. Utch, cannot be used this winter. The pond is on the pond in bad shape and covered with rock blasted from the quarry near by. The ice is also covered with debris, and there is much mud in the water which would ruin saws and ice blocks.

The case of S. Kallenberg against Meyer Brittan, a claim that misrepresentation was used in the sale of a cow sold to him, was heard before Justice Hubert P. Collins at his home on Chestnut Hill Tuesday last. The case had been continued from Dec. 15th. Mr. Kallenberg was represented by Judge P. H.

Post of Williamant, but Mr. Brittan had no counsel. Justice Collins reserved his decision.

Work on the state roads was not resumed Monday last owing to some misunderstanding between the state highway department engineers and the contractors regarding payments due for the completed work on the roads. The superintendent visited the office of the contractors in Boston Monday and on his return stated that the matter had been satisfactorily settled. The men were to have resumed work Tuesday morning but owing to the extreme cold weather it was deferred until Wednesday, when the hours were from 7:30 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The driver of one of the gasoline trucks has given up his job owing to a reduction in wages and has returned to Boston, where he stated there was a job waiting for him.

Miss Marion Holmes was taken ill Sunday with what developed to be jaundice and complications. Her school on the Green is closed for the present.

The milk producers on Chestnut Hill have succeeded in making an arrangement with William Viall of Providence to take their supply of milk again, but in a limited quantity. Recently a complaint was filed with the Providence, with the result that about three-quarters of

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DRESSES	DRESSES	DRESSES
\$9.85	\$17.85	\$24.85
For Satin, Serge and Velour	For Tricotine and Poret Twill	For all Dresses that sold from \$34.75 up
Dresses that sold for \$16.75 to \$22.50	Dresses that sold for \$24.75 to \$34.75	
SKIRTS	SKIRTS	WAISTS
\$5.95	\$8.95	\$2.95
For Black and Blue Serge	For Plaid Skirts of Wool	For Georgette and Crepe-de-Chine Waists that sold for \$5.00 to \$7.50
Skirts that sold for \$8.98 to \$10.95	Velour that sold for \$13.95 to \$17.50	

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the quantity formerly taken will be accepted, any additional quantity if taken will be accepted only as surplus milk.

Some of the producers are marketing their milk elsewhere and some of the producers' milk will not be accepted at all, as it is claimed that it is not up to standard. Mr. Borrich, who carries the milk to Williamant, collected it on Wednesday morning as formerly, but from 10 producers only, while previously there were 20.

**CENTRAL VILLAGE**

At a meeting of the Plainfield Horse Thief Detective society held Wednesday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Sensless I. Adams, president; John L. Chapman, vice president; Henry E. King, secretary and treasurer. After the annual business was finished oysters, doughnuts, cheese and coffee were served.

Sunday the following officers of the Sunday school were chosen for the year: Superintendent, Hermon B. Chapman; assistant superintendent, L. Howard Cross; secretary and treasurer, Miss Edna Lillibridge.

William Kilpatrick of Groton has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Raymond Rider, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Fox of Putnam visited friends Sunday.

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